

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 17 has been amended, and claims 19 and 20 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 and 21 are pending and under consideration, with claims 1-16 and 21 having been allowed.

The Office Action has indicated that claim 20 included allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 17 has been amended to include features from allowable claim 20, thereby placing claim 17 in allowable condition.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

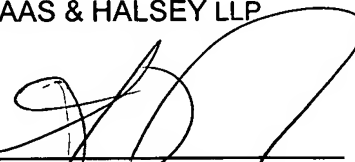
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